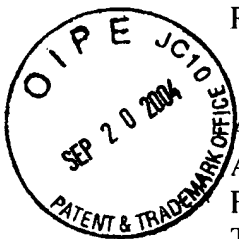


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 16, 2004, the applicant offers herewith the following amendments and arguments towards reconsideration.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.